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## 2015-2016 OSAA ADOPTED SOCCER RULES INTERPRETATIONS

The 2015-2016 NFHS Soccer Rules Book will be used in Oregon with the following clarifications:

1.1	If a field is, or appears to be, larger or smaller than the dimensions specified, the head referee will bring that to the attention of the home school's head coach and will include that information in the referee's game report. The contest will still be played.
1.5.3	Both teams shall be on the same side of the field.
3.3.2.b.3	A player who appears to be suffering the symptoms of a concussion shall be removed from the game by either their coach or the referee. Any decision to return a player to the contest, after the player has been cleared by an appropriate healthcare professional, is solely that of the school. Determination of who is an appropriate healthcare professional shall be made by the school.
4.1.1.f	Approval must be granted by the OSAA for any commemorative or memorial patch.
4.2.1.h	Exception 3 Players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.
4.2.7	A tooth and mouth protector is not required.
5.1.1	Only the dual or diagonal systems of officiating may be used. Athletic districts may select one of these systems for regular season league contests. In the absence of an adoption by a district, the commissioner of officials will select the system to be used for a particular game.
5.1.2	The jurisdiction of the officials begins when they enter the field and its immediate surroundings (e.g. they enter a stadium where the game is to be held). The officials' jurisdiction ends when they leave the field and its immediate surroundings at the end of the game.
5.1.3.a	The shirt for officials shall be the same as that approved for officials by the United States Soccer Federation.
5.2.2.d	Although the NFHS rule calls for a single meeting between officials, captains and head coaches, such a meeting is not required in Oregon. Referees must obtain a complete roster and inquire of each head coach whether their players are properly and legally equipped before the game. They may do this independent of meeting with the captains to discuss sportsmanship and conduct the coin toss as provided in 5.2.2.d.(2) and (3).
6.1	Ball holders are optional, but are highly recommended.
6.2.2	If no visible timing device is available, time shall be kept by the head referee.
6.3.1	The head referee shall be the official scorekeeper.
7.1.1	Game duration shall be two equal halves of 40 minutes each.
7.1.3	In the event a game must be suspended in the first half by the head referee because of conditions which make it impossible to continue play, the game shall be declared no contest and shall be completely replayed, unless the two teams mutually agree otherwise or there are athletic district rules that apply.
7.1.5	A soccer district may adopt a ten goal rule; if a team is ahead by ten goals at halftime or at any time during the second half, the game shall be terminated. NOTE: This rule has NOT been adopted for OSAA playoff and championship matches
7.3.1	A soccer district may adopt procedures to resolve a tie at the end of regulation time in district <u>varsity</u> games. This adoption may be made for boys' games, girls' games or both. If a tie breaking procedure is adopted, it must be used in all district contests, and the commissioner(s) of officials shall be notified in advance of the season that the tie-breaking procedure will be used. NOTE: The OSAA State Championship tie breaking procedures shall be used in all district playoffs, play-ins, OSAA playoffs and championship matches.
12.8.3	NOTE A disqualified player or coach (red card) shall be required to sit out through the next playing date at that level, per OSAA policy on ejections.